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Further information may be obtained at the Company's Office, Hotel Mansions,  
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**NOTICE.**

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daily.  
Applicants will be required to produce  
Passports or identification papers. All  
persons, with certain exceptions, who  
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7 days are required to register them-  
selves under the REGISTRATION OF  
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**BRITISH OFFICIAL  
REPORTS.**  
**SEVERE FIGHTING ON LYS  
BATTLE-FRONT.**  
**STRONG ENEMY ATTACKS  
REPULSED.**  
London, April 19.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
reports:—  
There was severe fighting on the  
greater part of the Lys battle-front.  
Strong attacks which followed the  
bombardment from the La Bassée  
Canal to the Lys River, eastward of  
St. Venant, were all repulsed, with  
extremely heavy losses. We cap-  
tured 200 prisoners. The struggle  
is particularly fierce in the neigh-  
bourhood of Givenchy, where deter-  
mined enemy efforts have failed.  
The fighting here continues. The  
enemy's artillery is active on the  
whole of this front.

**THE ATTACK ON GIVENCHY FAILS.**  
**SEVERE ENEMY LOSSES.**  
London, April 19.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
reports:—  
We repulsed the hostile attacks,  
reported to be progressing, yesterday  
morning, southward of Kemmel, and  
our artillery and machine-gun fire  
broke up attacks this evening, in  
some localities.

The night was comparatively quiet  
on the whole British Front, save for  
reciprocal artillery activity on the  
battle sectors.  
Minor enterprises, at different  
points, yielded a few prisoners and  
machine-guns.  
Regiments of six German Divisions  
participated in the unsuccessful  
attacks, yesterday, on the Givenchy-  
Saint Venant sector. The fighting  
at Givenchy, as elsewhere, ended in  
the complete repulse of the enemy,  
who, after most determined and most  
costly assaults, only secured a  
limited footing at one or two points  
in our more advanced defences.

Our artillery inflicted heavy casual-  
ties before the attacks opened, and  
the enemy losses in to-day's fighting  
were equally severe.  
**FRENCH TAKE THE OFFENSIVE.**  
**POSITIONS CARRIED.**  
London, April 19.  
A French communiqué states:—  
We attacked, this morning, the  
enemy positions on both sides of the  
Aire on a front of four kilometres,  
between Thennes and Mailly-Rainval.  
We appreciably progressed  
east of the Aire, while, westwards,  
we carried the greater part of  
Beneux Wood, advancing our lines  
to the outskirts of Bastie. South-  
wards, we reached the western slopes  
of the heights dominating the Aire.

We took 500 prisoners, including  
15 officers.  
It is confirmed that an enemy raid,  
attempted yesterday evening, east  
of Courrières Wood, was of a desper-  
ate character for the enemy. We  
found over 40 German corpses and  
captured 20 prisoners.

**LATER.**  
A French communiqué states:—  
There was a somewhat violent  
reciprocal bombardment in the  
Castel Mailly-Rainval region.  
We destroyed, during the night,  
some machine-gun nests on the  
front of yesterday's attack in which  
we have, so far, taken 600 prisoners,  
including 20 officers.  
We carried out a successful sur-  
prise attack north of Besenoy and  
brought back prisoners.

**A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION.**  
London, April 19.  
The change of front of the German  
attack to the region between Given-  
chy and East Robecq has found no  
weak spot in the British resistance  
and the close of yesterday's fight-  
ing found the British line still in-  
tact. There was only one point in  
the new battle area where the enemy  
gained anything, namely, opposite  
the Hill of Hinges where he suc-  
ceeded in bridging La Bassée Canal,  
but the only Germans who crossed  
came as prisoners. This new Ger-  
man attack in the direction of  
Bethune was obviously intended to  
protect his flanks, if he wishes to  
drive further northwards. The  
enemy is trying to secure La Bassée  
Canal with the object of safeguarding  
his troops round Bailleul and simul-  
taneously imperilling the British in  
the French coalfield near Bethune.

Generally speaking, the British  
battle-line is more secure than it  
has been for days, justifying the  
belief that the enemy may be held  
in his present positions. The arrival  
of French support is regarded as most  
important. They are described as  
splendid seasoned men. The sight  
of long blue lines marching up the  
roads rejoiced the British, giving a  
fresh sense of security, and the news  
of a French aggressive stroke south  
of Amiens has still further heartened  
anxious watchers at home.

The British withdrawal east of  
Ypres was due to the German ad-  
vance from the south along the Lys  
Valley threatening the communica-  
tions of the Ypres Army. Thus the  
distance this Army would have to  
retraverse if the enemy looked like  
breaking through the Castel-Kemmel  
line of heights has been reduced.

As a result of yesterday's fighting,  
the enemy looks less like breaking  
through than he did, and though the  
retirement from the Ypres sector is  
regrettable, yet the enemy are no  
nearer securing possession of the  
important heights between them and  
the coast. They have failed to get  
Givenchy, and are still no nearer  
Hazebrouck, whose capture is neces-  
sary to the enemy's plan of turning  
the line of the heights. The struggle  
in the north centres before Mount  
Kemmel, a rugged wooded hill,  
attacks on which have already cost  
the Germans very dearly. Their  
masses advancing in the open were  
mowed down. The enemy here is  
trying to break a way beyond  
Materen, west of Bailleul. Al-  
though we abandoned Materen and  
Wytschete, the enemy's position is  
most uncomfortable. The enemy is  
merely a "No Man's Land." The  
German outposts were unable to  
advance beyond the north side of  
the village.

It cannot be said that the  
general situation is less anxious, but  
undoubtedly there is increasing con-  
fidence in the unity of command, the  
effects of which cannot be fully ap-  
preciated in these early stages of  
the series of great battles. There  
is still expectation of a renewed  
German thrust at Amiens, and  
French Correspondents speak of  
enormous enemy concentrations be-  
tween Arras and Amiens.

Meanwhile enemy propaganda is  
spreading broadcast among Neutral  
reports of depression and war-wea-  
riness in the United Kingdom and  
Dominions which is strongly in  
variance with the real feeling here,  
and they are simultaneously con-  
ducting a campaign of newspaper  
articles, and speeches in Germany  
itself, preaching the necessity for  
huge indemnities from the Western  
Powers in addition to armaments.  
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## INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG-TRAMWAY COMPANY,  
LIMITED  
(INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Tramway Company, Limited will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of April, 1918, at 12 o'clock Noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,  
W. E. ROBERTS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1918. [235]

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria, Hongkong, MONDAY, the 8th day of May, 1918, at 12 o'clock Noon when the subjoined resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 16th day of April, 1918, will be submitted for Confirmation as special resolutions:—

- That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company, Limited and that with a view thereto this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited be and they are hereby appointed Liquidators for the purpose of such winding up.
- That the conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation of this Company with the Dairy Farm Company, Limited upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by that Company of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of this Company in return for the issue to this Company of 52,000 Shares of the nominal value of \$7.50 each credited as fully paid up (being eight shares of \$7.50 each each of that Company for each share of \$3.33 each of this Company) and of the issue by the Dairy Farm Company Limited to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, the General Managers of this Company (upon their entering into restrictive covenants which have been agreed upon and by way of bonus as compensation for their loss of office as General Managers of this Company) of 2,000 shares of the Dairy Farm Company Limited of the nominal value of \$7.50 each credited as fully paid up be and the same is hereby approved and that the Liquidators be and they are hereby authorised pursuant to Section 146 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to adopt the said Agreement and carry the same into effect with such (if any) modification either before or after the execution thereof as the said Liquidators may think expedient.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 10th May, 1918, both days inclusive. Dated the 16th day of April, 1918.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.  
General Managers. [233]

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,  
MACAO.  
NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that during two months, commencing from the date of publication of this Notification in the "Boletim Oficial," TENDERS for "STUDY OF WATER SUPPLY" in this Colony will be received. The tenders addressed to the Council of Administration of Public Works must be received in this Department within the above-specified time.

The Conditions of the Work are open for inspection in the Portuguese Consulate all week days.  
THE ENGINEER DIRECTOR,  
FARIA & MALA.  
Public Works Department,  
Macao, 5th April, 1918. [228]

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company, in pursuance of the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, for the issue of a Duplicate Certificate of Sixty Shares in the Company or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 1909 for shares numbered 2877, 2884 and dated 11th January 1909, has been LOST or DESTROYED. AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claims or representations in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors they will proceed to deal with such application for a Certificate.

M. MANUK,  
Secretary.

Dated 4th day of April, 1918. [228]

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN.

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST for the THIRD LIBERTY LOAN of U.S. \$4,000,000,000 carrying interest at 4 1/2 per cent per annum, closes in America on 4th May, 1918. The International Bank for Reconstruction is prepared to receive applications up to 29th April on the following terms:—

- 5% on application.
  - 25% on 1st May.
  - 25% on 15th May.
  - 40% on 1st June.
- and will also grant loans against this security.

Hongkong, April 10, 1918. [228]

## INTIMATIONS

WANTED.

CHIEF ENGINEER for a Chinese Steamer, B. of T. or Foreign 1st Class Engineer's Certificate essential. Apply Box 2002.  
C/o 'CHINA MAIL' LTD.  
Hongkong, April 15, 1918. 325

WANTED.

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C/o 'CHINA MAIL' Office.  
Hongkong, April 10, 1918. 319

WANTED.

EUROPEAN LADY, resident or daily, to look after a children of 7 and 8 years.  
Apply—  
Mrs. GALE,  
109 The Peak.  
Hongkong Mar. 28, 1918. 282

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE UNDERSIGNED have Removed to No. 71, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL near corner of Foutinger Street.  
WING SUN & CO.,  
High-class Tailors and Outfitters.  
Tel. 467.  
Hongkong, April 15, 1918. 327

## DRY-CLEANING.

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## AMERICAN CABLES.

[NAVY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE TO  
MANILA.]  
GREAT SUCCESS OF THE LOAN  
CAMPAIGN.

WASHINGTON, April 14.  
More than 100 communities claim the honor of having first completed their allotment for the Third Liberty Loan. All completed their quotas within a few minutes after the official opening of subscriptions on Saturday, April 13. More than 60 communities have reported over-subscriptions thus far. The national total cannot be given out yet, because of the impossibility of tabulating returns fast enough.

In view of the heavy subscription, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo proposes that the goal be raised to twice the present figure of \$3,000,000,000 and that the number of subscribers be increased to 20,000,000.

## A LIST OF ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES.

WASHINGTON, April 14.  
The War Industries Board has issued a list of manufactures which are most vital for the success of the war and to which priority in fuel supply and transportation facilities have been assured. The essentials named include: Aircraft, ammunition, training camp equipment, small arms, chemicals, cokes, electrical equipment, explosives, farm implements, fertilizer, bricks, food, guns, bomp, jute, cotton, iron, steel foundry tools, mine equipment, magazines, newspapers, oil refineries, oil wells, public utilities, railway equipment, refrigerator, seeds, bunker coal, ships supplies, soap, tannery, tires, plaid, wool, rope and wire. Additions to this list will probably be made.

The board believes that the people will readily acquiesce in limiting the use and manufacture of non-essentials if it becomes necessary, since the winning of the war is now considered to be paramount to all private considerations.

## THE ANTI-SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

WASHINGTON, April 14.  
The greatly diminished number of sinkings by U-boats last week is considered significant and is regarded as a natural result of the improved methods of combating submarines which have been adopted.

The U-boat menace is now regarded as permanently checked at the fitting moment when America is exerting every effort to send a large number of additional troops overseas.

## AMERICAN SUBMARINES CROSS THE ATLANTIC.

WASHINGTON, April 14.  
Secretary of the Navy Daniels in a speech at Cleveland intimated for the first time that United States submarines are operating overseas.

It is now stated that these submarines made the trip across the Atlantic during wintry gales which drove them far from the contemplated courses, but all arrived safely at their destinations.

## ADDITIONS TO AMERICA'S NAVY.

CINCINNATI, April 14.  
Secretary of the Navy Daniels in a speech delivered here said that 1,270 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 1,055,116 have been added to the United States Navy during the past year. He added that "784 smaller vessels are building" and that plants are working night and day building destroyers.

## GERMAN-AMERICAN ALLIANCE DISBANDED THROUGHOUT U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 14.  
Branches of the German-American Alliance throughout the United States are dissolving following the decision of the national organization to disband.

## BELGIAN RELIEF.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., April 11.  
Seventy thousand persons bought forget-me-not bouquets on the occasion of King Albert's birthday, the funds being turned over for Belgian relief. This city also gave more than a ton of binoculars for the navy's use against submarines.

## BIG LOAN TO GREECE.

WASHINGTON, April 14.  
A loan of \$44,000,000 has been promised to Greece when the Greek Government authorizes it.

## TAST AND WALSH HEAD NEW WAR LABOUR COUNCIL.

WASHINGTON, April 14.  
President Wilson has appointed W. H. Taft and F. P. Walsh as heads of the new War Labour Council which will mediate disputes between workers and employers in war industries.

## TO FIX VALUE OF SILVER.

WASHINGTON, April 14.  
Virtual fixing of the world value of silver at a dollar an ounce is regarded as probable if Congress enacts a law proposing the melting of 25,000,000 silver dollars for export use, trade balances, and purchasing of bullion at a dollar an ounce.

## DROP TOOLS TO FIGHT.

WASHINGTON, April 14.  
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February 14th, 1918.

Dear Mrs. HICKLING:—  
Her Majesty the Queen has read with much interest the report you were kind enough to send in your letter of December 18th, and she is delighted to think that you have taken up the idea of working for Mesopotamia, with so much energy. I beg to thank you on my own behalf for the kind congratulations of your Committee upon the honour that I have received from His Majesty the King. I feel that it is an honour that must be shared by all the members of the Guild, who now, I am proud to say, number over 60,000.—Yours truly,  
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"I will not endeavour to put into words my gratitude, because I could not adequately do so. People at home do not, cannot, and cannot be expected to understand the hardships and discomforts our lads go through, all day and every day, week in and week out. As the weeks go on now, the weather will be getting more trying and the warm things will make a great difference."  
"I hope and beg that, if at any time you have any socks or shirts to send to anyone, you will remember my boys. They will always be deeply grateful for whatever you send them."

"I have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of four boxes of comforts sent by you, coming as they did whilst the Battalion are in the trenches. I cannot say how very much they were appreciated, and on behalf of all ranks please accept our most grateful thanks."  
"Thank you very much for your letter and the promise of socks for my men, which I have now been advised, as on their way, and they will be very welcome. We have been having a toughish time, but have done very well, and I like to think that when we get out, whatever happens, they will at least have warm comfortable socks, for which many thanks. At the moment this is rather an inferno, consequently correspondence is difficult."  
"The bale arrived about a week ago, and their share was issued out to the men at the guns after they had been standing knee-deep in mud and pouring rain all day and were soaked through. The men were so awfully grateful for them that they all went to bed directly they had had their rum, and they told me that that night they had had their best sleep for weeks. As for the drivers, I cannot say for certain as I have not left the guns for three weeks, but I am certain they appreciated them as there is about a yard of good stiff mud all over the wagon line, and a lot more in the wet patches."

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# GERMANY'S METHODS OF INCREASING HER POPULATION.

The question which is presented to Germany of increasing her population for war purposes has been answered in many ways. The first, in order of time, was the authorized and systematic ravishing of the women of Belgium and of France and the sending of the offspring from this official and brutal debauchery into Germany, to form part of the future "defence of the Fatherland." The deportation of the men of Belgium is another phase. These men will, of course, never return if Germany can prevent it, and so will constitute an effective increase in the male population. But they will either voluntarily or through compulsion form some sort of liaison with the surplus women of Germany and produce offspring which in twenty years will be available fodder for powder. As the excess of Germany's female population is now great and will be still greater after the war, this will prove also a ready means for providing for this surplus.

We next find the German references to the so-called lateral marriages. There are hundreds of thousands of young women in Germany, capable of bearing children, who are at present unmarried because of the absence of their husbands at the front. To German efficiency this is a waste of human material. God would not have endowed women with such an important function if it had not been intended that she should use it. And to what better use than for the Fatherland? Therefore, Germany proposes a "lateral" marriage. A man, married or unmarried—it is immaterial, only if married he must get his wife's permission—is encouraged by the Government to form a temporary union with one of the neglected women (who must also obtain her husband's consent) whose consort is at war. This union is to last until a child is born, when it automatically is to cease, the child being either retained by the mother or sent to an institution to be reared that he may form a unit in the future national defense. It is an admirable German scheme, quite typical of the German mind which suffers agony at the sight of anything idle that is susceptible of use.

The next development concerned the women who have been widowed through the war and the men who have been so crippled as to be of no further use in the war area. The burghers of the various German towns have been instructed to obtain a list of all war widows in the districts controlled by them, and a list of all crippled and disabled men who are then to be placed in papers known to be read by women generally, for wives for the deserving cripples. Thus, playing the role of Cupid, the beneficent Government will bring together the widows and the disabled, and in official instructions, now the seed of a new generation which will, in the fullness of its manhood, take upon its shoulders the national defense.

It is somewhat difficult for us to conceive how in this enlightened age a supposedly civilized nation can so fully the beauty of motherhood, so deprecate the great moral value of its womanhood, as to turn the whole community into an official human stock farm by making special provision for the women who are in indication of the moral slough into which Germany has descended, so that we need no longer wonder either at the crimes committed by the German soldiery against the women of France and Belgium, or at the complete breakdown of German morality. Finally, in the discussion of population, we come to Germany's purpose in Africa. One of the terms of peace which Germany will insist on will be, in case of a negotiated peace, the restoration of German colonies, or in case of victory, the surrender to her not only of the colonies which she possessed previous to August, 1914, but those of England, France, and Belgium as well. This, indeed, is already being openly advocated in the German Press. The colonial troops, it is argued, have proven their great value in this war in two ways. First, they have been a material addition to the forces in Europe and have given an excellent account of themselves in the German battlefields. Secondly, they can be made thoroughly competent to defend their own land against any attacks to which future wars might subject them. In at least one of the German papers commenting on the plan of conquering Africa, it was openly stated without effort at concealment that the basic idea was a preparation for the next war. The question of population is also inextricably entwined about the reduction of Germany's economic position, at least to the status of a German vassal. Germany has seen to it that, financially, she controls their destinies. This is true now in every economic sense; after the war it will be true in a commercial sense as well. The principal object in this has been, and continues to be, not alone the wealth which exists but the fighting population as well, since through the control of the material resources the control of the men power can be made absolute. The subservience to German domination is, in every sense, absolute. This the Kaiser has carefully and skillfully contrived to bring about, and since Turkey is the most important link in

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## TELEGRAMS.

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## DISTINGUISHED FRENCH GENERAL INTERVIEWED.

## "NOTHING DISQUIETING IN THE PRESENT SITUATION."

LONDON, April 19. Reuter's Correspondent at the French Headquarters, telegraphing yesterday, says:—  
I interviewed one of the foremost French Generals, who commanded in the great fighting ended on the 18th inst., in which three French Divisions held up thirty enemy Divisions for ten days. He declared unreservedly that there was nothing disquieting in the present battle situation; on the contrary, we had every ground for confidence both in Picardy and Flanders. The Germans would continue to dig weary Divisions into battle until the moment of exhaustion arrived. The course of this battle was like all others: it was essentially the same. Each side would continue to dig, blow and counter-blow, endeavouring by weight of numbers or superior skill to find the weak points of the enemy's armour, each endeavouring to retain reserves sufficient to turn the scale when the decisive moment was reached.

The General said: After four years we are only now within sight of a decisive point. As the Germans have still got in France, unused reserves and fresh Divisions, the battle will proceed and the next shock must be expected as soon as the flood pouring in through Baillou Gap towards Hazebrouck is checked. The battle might continue for a month or more but the enemy would be held until his reserves are exhausted and his numerical superiority worn down to vanishing point. Then our turn would come, with the help of the American Divisions.

In conclusion the General spoke with entire confidence as regards positions lost and announced in last evening's British communiqué. He described them after a rapid glance at the map as one of the inevitable fluctuations of the front and expressed unbounded faith in the British Army. During the retreat across the devastated region two British corps operated under him. He spoke in warmest praise of their fighting spirit. Despite the tremendous butting they received he said the British fought like madmen. He was specially grateful for the co-operation of the British artillery placed unreservedly at his disposal and concluded: "The Germans are consuming Divisions at such a rate that they cannot last. We have used ours with pains taking economy; nevertheless we hold the enemy."

The Correspondent then analysed the German strength as follows:—  
The Germans possess about 240 Divisions but we must allow for the existence of others from reserves. There are 200 enemy Divisions on the front in France and Belgium, 105 of which have already been engaged in the offensive. Twenty of the Divisions in France are Luft-sturmtruppen, holding quiet sectors, principally in the Vosges, and cannot be employed in Picardy or Flanders. It is certain the enemy has other entirely fresh Divisions to use on our front and also Divisions distributed on the Eastern Fronts, therefore we must reckon for the appearance of another 70 enemy Divisions on our battle-front. At the present rate of consumption in German Divisions, this will take about another six weeks' fighting.

When the enemy began the battle he prepared for very heavy losses, especially of officers, arranging for the latter by spare cadres accompanying the artillery transport and trains, in order immediately to fill up the casualties. This precaution was necessary because, departing from their rule that enemy officers must lead the men into battle it is noteworthy that the Germans are endeavouring by every possible means to spare the lives of the remaining regular officers, and an enemy battalion now takes the field with only two regular officers. The rest are reserve officers who have gained their origin in a manner that marks an epoch in the development of the German Army.

One Guard Regiment lost, in the recent battles, 28 officers in a few days and finished up with a non-commissioned officer in command of the battalion.

The moral of the German troops is suffering under three main causes, namely, severity of losses, overweight of our artillery and the cold. We know of Divisions in which the losses reached forty to sixty per cent. The Seventh Reserve Division, which attacked at Lassigny and Plessier-de-Roye lost about 2,000 of the field besides an unknown number of wounded. Also 800 prisoners were captured by the French.

The Division attacked in column of regiments so that two regiments were attacking side by side, with a third in reserve, and was practically annihilated. The losses of other units was hardly less terrifying.

Our superiority in guns keeps the enemy in a perpetual state of discomfort, reinforced by inclement skies, and we find on more enthusiastic entries in prisoners' diaries about marching into the gardens of France in the Spring. What we do find are entries about the reprehensible habit of the French *Pollas* of always falling on their feet in the matter of the positions of their guns and the weather.

Dough soldiers, now, are not allowed to write home but are still allowed to receive letters. To-day I saw one written by a friend from Essen to a soldier, the principal news item of which was that boys of the 1919 class, who are now eighteen years old, have to report to the Military Authorities, between March 18 and April 12. Youths of the 1919 class have been captured in the recent battles. It is their first appearance on the front. In France, boys of this class are, this month, being called up for their preliminary year's training.

A message received by way of correction, says:—The figure of 105 enemy divisions given in this message is apparently a telegraph error. It has been officially stated that 126 enemy divisions have participated in the battle since March 21st down to April 18th.

## M. CLEMENCEAU COMPLETELY CONFIDENT.

LONDON, April 19. A message from Paris says that M. Clemenceau expresses complete confidence in the result of military operations.

## GERMAN REPORTS.

LONDON, April 19. A wireless German official message states:—

Following the retreating enemy, we captured Zonnebeke and drove back the enemy behind Steenbroek. A counter-thrust southward of Blankert Lake was checked by our forward movement.

We gained ground northward of Lys taking over 2,500 prisoners during the past few days and numerous machine-guns.

A strong French thrust northward of Flirey sanguinarily failed.

LONDON, April 19. A wireless German official message states:—

Strong French attacks north-westward of Moreuil sanguinarily broke down.

## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

## SUCCESSFUL RAIDS AND AERIAL WORK BY BRITISH.

LONDON, April 19.

A British official message from Italy states:—

The Manchester and South Staffordshire both successfully carried out raids last night, killing 30 Austrians and taking 22 prisoners. Our losses were very slight. Fine weather yesterday enabled much aerial activity and there was heavy air-fighting. We carried out several long-distance reconnaissances. We destroyed eleven enemy machines and drove down another out of control. The anti-aircraft guns brought down a further machine to-day. All our machines returned.

## NEW MEDICAL SERVICES INSPECTOR.

LONDON, April 15.

Major-General Sir William Rabbie, V.C., has been appointed Inspector of Medical Services and temporary Lieut.-General.

## NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

## BRITISH MONITORS BOMBARD OSTEND.

LONDON, April 19.

The Admiralty announces that British monitors, on Wednesday night, bombarded Ostend and the batteries in the vicinity. Owing to bad weather it is not yet possible to obtain accurate information as to the results.

The enemy batteries replied but without hitting our ships.

One or two enemy destroyers, yesterday morning, fired in the direction of Dunkirk and then retired quickly.

## A DESTROYER SWEEP IN HELIGOLAND BIGHT.

Our destroyers, on March 23, during a sweep of the Heligoland Bight, captured and sank three armed outpost trawlers, taking the crews prisoners, consisting of three officers and 69 men. We suffered no casualties.

## SUBMARINE WARFARE.

## BRITISH REPLY TO THE GERMAN NAVAL MINISTER.

LONDON, April 18.

The Admiralty has communicated to Reuter's Agency the following reply to Admiral von Capelle's statement in the Reichstag:—

The figures quoted by Admiral von Capelle—from which his deductions as to the number of British submarines are drawn—are entirely misleading and contrary to fact. Admiral von Capelle states that something over 2,000,000 gross tons were built annually in the past ten years, including Allied and enemy countries. The actual figures are 2,330,351 gross tons. Admiral von Capelle adds: "The entire output to-day cannot be more, owing to labour and material difficulties." The actual world's output, excluding enemy countries, amounted to 2,700,000 gross tons and the output is rising rapidly.

Admiral von Capelle tries to raise confusion as regards the figures 3,000,000 and 2,000,000 tons and the actual output last year. Everyone knows that no forecast was ever given that 3,000,000 tons, or even 2,000,000 tons would be completed last year. Three million tons is the ultimate rate of production which, as the First Lord stated in the House of Commons, is well within the present and prospective capacity of the shipyards and marine engineering works of the United Kingdom.

Admiral von Capelle still relies upon exaggerated figures of losses. The average monthly loss of British ships last year, including mine risk, was 331,000 gross tons, whereas Admiral von Capelle bases his argument on an average loss from submarines alone of 800,000 tons monthly. The figures for the last quarter ended March 31st which will be published shortly will vindicate the statements as regards the continuance of the drop in the rate of loss.

The First Lord has already assured the House of Commons as regards the adequacy of the supply of steel to give the desired output and at the present time all the shipyards are fully supplied with it.

## MAN-POWER BILL RECEIVES ROYAL ASSENT.

LONDON, April 19.

In the House of Lords, the Man-Power Bill passed through all stages and has received Royal Assent.

## THE MAN-POWER BILL.

LONDON, April 19.

The only alteration in the Man-Power Bill made by the House of Lords and accepted by the Government and the House of Commons was that all men exempted after April 30, except in the case of protected industries, must join the Volunteers.

## THE EXCLUSION OF THE CLERGY.

The Bishops of Lincoln, Salisbury, Chichester and Bristol write to the Times protesting strongly against the exclusion of the clergy from the Man-Power Bill, affirming that the Archbishop of Canterbury's expression of regret in the House of Lords at the withdrawal of the clause robbing the grave conclusion of the Bishops as a whole.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, April 20.

Silver is quoted at 47s. 6d. Sellers are holding back and the market is firm.

## GERMANY'S TREATMENT OF BELGIUM.

## A SYSTEM OF SLOW TORTURE.

LONDON, April 19.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at a dinner to the British and Belgian Commerce Delegates, said, despite the infamous treatment of Belgium by Germany in the early days of the war, which will evermore be an indelible blot on German history; what is not equally well-known and ought to be known is the treatment to which Belgium has deliberately subjected Belgium during the occupation. The system of slow torture was even more horrible than the outrages of the invading army, although perhaps less dramatic than the first outrages which made the blood of the civilised world run cold. The Germans have set themselves to ruin the trade, the manufacture and the capacity, for it, of their friendly neighbour, whom they are bound by treaty to protect. Germany has rejoicingly declared that if peace were to come to-morrow it would be many months at the lowest estimate, before Belgian intelligence, capital, industry and enterprise, could again interfere with their German rivals and further they had cold-bloodedly stripped Belgium of everything in the way of plant, raw material and machinery of production on which industry depends. Belgium was among the leading European nations as regards mining and other industries and manufactures and nothing exceeded the cynicism with which this operation was carried out, inflicting a far deeper and more difficult injury to heal than the destruction of agricultural prosperity. It was the business of the Allies to remedy this gross wrong and Great Britain and America would do their utmost in this direction.

## RECRUITMENT OF COLONIAL CIVIL SERVANTS.

## A MOST GRATIFYING RESPONSE.

LONDON, April 15.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir R. J. Price, Mr. W. A. S. Hewins, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, stated that, every possible facility for enlistment, and in suitable cases, for obtaining commissions had been afforded to civil servants and others militarily eligible in the Colonies and Protectorates, and the response had been most gratifying. Ceylon had furnished a separate unit and the Eastern Colonies had released as many men as could possibly be spared. The principle of substitution had been resorted to as far as possible, but in tropical Colonies, few men and fewer women were available as substitutes for men of military age.

## HOLLAND'S EXPENSES DUE TO THE WAR.

## BIG LOAN PROPOSED.

AMSTERDAM, April 19.

In the Second Chamber, the Finance Minister declared that in consequence of Holland's financial position, the most drastic measures were necessary, and he suggested raising a loan of one-and-a-half milliard florins to cover the war crisis expenditure which had already exceeded one milliard florins.

The Finance Minister stated that he hoped the army could be partly demobilised when the big offensive in the West concluded and Holland's dangers were lessened.

## INDIA AND THE MAN-POWER QUESTION.

SIMLA, April 19.

The Viceroy has cancelled his tour and arrives here with Mr. Montagu (Secretary of State) when a conference will be held in connection with Mr. Lloyd George's appeal for increased war efforts.

CALCUTTA, April 19.

Surrendranath Banerjee and other responsible Bengali leaders have notified the Viceroy of their readiness to make the fullest sacrifice to guard the sacred soil of the motherland of the Empire and have circulated representative Bengali advocating modified conscription for the duration of the war.

## FRENCH HIGH MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

PARIS, April 18.

General Bolin has been appointed the French Representative on the Inter-Allied War Committee at Versailles in succession to General Weygand who remains at Generalissimo Foch's principal collaborator.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE GREAT STRUGGLE.

## HOMERIC VALOUR OF BRITISH TROOPS.

LONDON, April 18.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—

The Germans, this morning, developed an attack on a long front, between Giverny and Bolson, pressing hard towards Giverny. They are apparently drawing in their reserves. In the course of the great battle more than thirty enemy Divisions have so far appeared. It is certain that the German Command is exploiting every success by a most prodigal expenditure of man power, not counting the cost.

In the great German attack yesterday our troops fought with Homeric valour against tremendous numerical odds.

Our troops are fighting in the same irresistible manner in the battle between Giverny Forest and Nieppe, which is now progressing.

For nearly a week the German gains in the Battle of Flanders have been limited to the smallest and terribly costly advance. At certain points, if he measures the extent of his gains by the price paid, he certainly must be looking gloomily at the bold contours from Cassel to Messines which he is practically bound to attempt to take.

## A BRILLIANT BELGIAN VICTORY.

The attempt to break through the Belgian front south of the Forest of Holtbaert, was probably inspired by the discovery of our withdrawal in the Fosse de la région and the consequent assumption that there would be some disorganisation at this part of the line.

The attack has been repeated to-day, the enemy being doubtless misled at being defeated by about half his own number by the Belgians.

The past week's struggle has been more purely a battle of infantrymen than might have been anticipated in such a war of movement. Apparently the Tanks, armoured cars and cavalry have not been in action on either side. We are now down to a sheer contest of man power, swaying with ceaseless attack and repulse, with the vital issue carried to the anxious problem as to whether our powers of endurance can wear down the repeated bull-rushes of vastly superior numbers, before a decision is reached.

All night long a most intense bombardment prevailed and was probably accounted likely to forestall all resolute, but the Germans speedily found they were mistaken, for the Belgians put up a fight ranking as one of the epic of their splendid story, finally driving back the Germans in confusion and taking more than 600 prisoners. The front of this brilliant victory was a stretch of six kilometres between Kippe and Langemarck.

## ENEMY GUNNERS SUFFER HEAVILY.

The harassing fire of our artillery upon enemy communications has greatly increased in intensity. The Germans suffered heavy losses in gunners—thus, on April 15 the 33rd Field Artillery Regiment had four of its guns knocked out by our batteries, all the personnel but two being casualties, and one battery of the 51st Reserve Field Artillery lost all five of its officers and most of its non-commissioned officers and gunners.

## SUCCESSFUL RAID BY FRENCH.

LONDON, April 18.

A French communiqué says:—In the region of Corbion, our fire dispersed a strong enemy detachment attempting to reach our lines.

After heavy artillery preparation the enemy launched several *coupes de main* in Champagne, on the right of the Meuse, east of Cauroires Wood and in the direction of Dambloup. We repulsed all attacks and took prisoners.

We carried out several successful raids north-west of Rheims and in Lorraine and took prisoners.

## BRITISH AND FRENCH COHESION NOWHERE BROKEN.

PARIS, April 18.

A semi-official message states:—Yesterday was a day of defeat for the Germans, who hoped by desperate efforts to overwhelm the British. This plan was baffled and the French are now effectively co-operating.

Half the German Divisions available on the Western Front have already been engaged after only twenty-six days, and the British and French cohesion is nowhere broken and no decision has been reached.

It is a contest of endurance and we are justified in asking whether the tactical advantages gained by the Germans are not disproportionate to their efforts and whether they will be able to continue to the finish!

## THE NEW WAR MINISTER.

## FRENCH PRESS COMMENT.

PARIS, April 18.

The Press regards Lord Milner's appointment as an indication of the British Cabinet's intention to pursue the war in the most intensive manner. The papers dwell on Lord Milner's hearty support of measures conducing to the closest British and French military co-operation.


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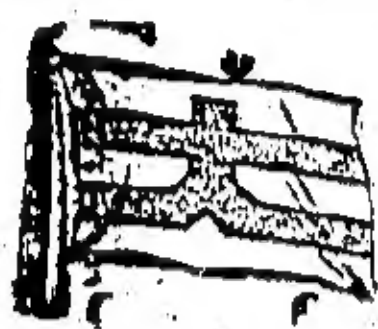
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A French Remedy for all irregularities of the Menstrual Cycle, for the relief of all kinds of pain, for the cure of all kinds of leucorrhoea, for the cure of all kinds of sterility, for the cure of all kinds of nervous debility, for the cure of all kinds of general weakness, for the cure of all kinds of chronic diseases, for the cure of all kinds of acute diseases, for the cure of all kinds of febrile diseases, for the cure of all kinds of infectious diseases, for the cure of all kinds of contagious diseases, for the cure of all kinds of venereal diseases, for the cure of all kinds of syphilitic diseases, for the cure of all kinds of gonorrhoeal diseases, for the cure of all kinds of urethral diseases, for the cure of all kinds of bladder diseases, for the cure of all kinds of prostate diseases, for the cure of all kinds of testicular diseases, for the cure of all kinds of epididymal diseases, for the cure of all kinds of spermatic cord diseases, for the cure of all kinds of scrotal 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